



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HOSHI, George et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3753**

Serial No.: **09/893,522**

Examiner: **FOX, John C.**

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For: **FLUID CONTROL DEVICE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 6, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 6, 2005**, extended to **December 6, 2005** by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.